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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF JULY 25 COMMUNICATION, CIRCULATED
BY UN TO MEMBER STATES AT REQUEST OF UGANDAN PREIDENT AMIN.

QUOTE

HIS EXCELLENCY DR. KURT WALDHEIM,
SECRETARY GENERAL,
UNITED NATIONS,
NEW YORK.

HIS EXCELLENCY DR. WILLIAM ETEKI MBOMOUA,
SECRETARY GENERAL,
ORGANISATION OF AFRICAN UNITY,
ADDIS ABABA.

I HAVE TO BRING TO YOUR MOST URGENT ATTENTION THE FACT
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OF THE CONTINUING BLOCKADE OF UGANDA BY KENYA AUTHORITIES

WHICH BLOCKADE HAS NOW BEEN ON SINCE THE 4TH OF THIS MONTH (JULY 1976).

INSPITE OF THE VERY RECONCILIATORY ATTITUDE MY GOVERNMENT HAS TAKEN OVER KENYA'S INVOLVEMENT IN THE ENTEBBE INVASION BY THE ZIONIST FORCES OF ISRAEL, THE KENYA AUTHORITIES HAVE BY DESIGN, CALCULATION AND MANIPULATION ENSURED THAT THE VITAL UGANDA IMPORTS SUCH AS OIL PRODUCTS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO GET TO UGANDA.

THE REPORTED ALLEGATIONS BY KENYA OF UGANDA'S NON-PAYMENT OF HER OIL ORDERS ARE UTTERLY BASELESS AS WE ARE UP-TO-DATE IN OUR PAYMENTS. THE INTERNATIONAL OIL COMPANIES SUCH AS CALTEX, SHELL, B.P., TOTAL AND MOBIL WHICH SUPPLY US WITH OIL PRODUCTS CAN TESTIFY TO THIS FACT.

WHAT IS HAPPENING NOW IS THAT KENYA AUTHORITIES ARE HOLDING UP OVER 300 OIL TANKS BETWEEN NAIROBI AND ELDORET BEING RAILED TO UGANDA AND ARE NOW ALLOWING TO PASS ONLY ONE TANK OF PETROL A DAY AS COMPARED WITH EIGHTY WHICH ARE OUR DAILY BASIC REQUIREMENTS. IN VIEW OF THIS AND AS YOU MAY HAVE HEARD, MY GOVERNMENT HAS HAD TO LIMIT THE SUPPLY OF THE LITTLE SUPPLIES OF OIL WE HAVE TO VERY ESSENTIAL SERVICES. THIS DEVELOPMENT IS HAVING A VERY SERIOUS ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL CONSEQUENCE IN THE COUNTRY AS THE AVAILABLE SUPPLIES EVEN AT THE BASIS OF THE PRESENT RATIONING CAN NOT LAST MORE THAN FIVE DAYS.

IN VIEW OF THIS VERY CRITICAL SITUATION WHICH I FEAR MAY FORCE UGANDA TO RESORT TO DESPERATE ACTIONS OUT OF THE NEED TO SURVIVE, I CALL UPON THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY AND THE UNITED NATIONS TO VERY URGENTLY SEND FACT FINDING MISSIONS TO UGANDA AND KENYA TO VERIFY THE VERY ALARMING SITUATION WHICH IS THREATENING WORLD PEACE AND ORDER.

I WISH TO EMPHASIZE THAT UGANDA FOR HER PART HAS DONE EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO ENSURE PEACEFUL AND HARMONIOUS LIVING WITH KENYA. I HAVE PERSONALLY, FOR EXAMPLE, SENT NUMEROUS MESSAGES TO PRESIDENT KENYATTA AND HAVE EVEN ATTEMPTED TO SPEAK TO HIM ON TELEPHONE WITH THE PURPOSE OF COMING TO A MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING OVER THE ISSUE CAUSED BY ISRAEL'S INVASION, BUT TO NO AVAIL. I
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HAVE HAD, THEREFORE, TO BRING THIS SITUATION TO YOUR ATTENTION AND WITH A REQUEST THAT ALL MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS YOU REPRESENT BE ACQUAINTED WITH THE SITUATION BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE.

AL'HAJJI FIELD MARSHAL DR. IDI AMIN DADA,
VC.DSO.MC.,
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA

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